

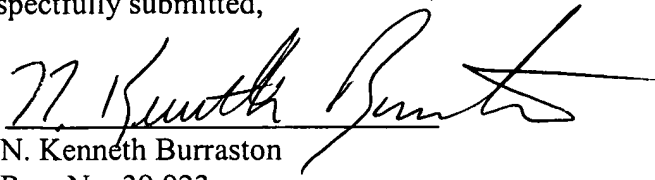
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In this continuation application, originally filed claim 1 has been canceled, and new claims drawn to "an apparatus for exercising semiconductor devices," a "test socket apparatus," and a "method of making a test socket apparatus" have been added. In addition, the specification has been amended to update the priority claims.

Claims 2-36 are pending in the application. Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance and request an early notice of allowance. If at any time the Examiner believes a discussion with Applicants' attorney would be helpful, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (801) 536-6763.

Respectfully submitted,

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